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1. Military call-up notices for Latvians are never posted publicly, but are sent directly to the individual concerned, with instructions to report to the Voenkomat on a certain date. The Voenkomat office is located in rayon town centers or in Riga, usually at the militia station.
2. Latvians whose relatives have been deported to the USSR are not being sent to military units, but are registered with the special labor reserves. These are reserves which, in wartime, have to perform various labor duties, but are not supplied with arms.
3. The medical examination at the Voenkomat is rather strict as compared with 1940-1941, and persons whose health is not sufficiently good for military service are not called up, but receive a so-called "white ticket".
4. Latvians, as a rule, do not serve in the Latvian SSR, but are sent to units in various parts of the USSR, and never more than a few (four or five) Latvians are kept together in one unit. There was an exception in Riga in autumn 1951, when two or three Latvians were serving with an auto-transport unit stationed on Huzaru iela.
5. The following military units are stationed in Riga:
 - a. An aviation unit is located on the corner of Slokas iela and Pulka iela.
 - b. Aviation workshops where aircraft and engine repairs and testing are carried out. There is no new construction taking place. (Exact location not given.)
 - c. An aviation unit is located on the corner of Strelnieku iela and Kieglu iela.
 - d. An MGB or MVD unit is located on Prica Gaila iela. Legally-living people avoid passing this place, since it is known that passers-by have been detained for questioning for no apparent reason.

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- e. An auto-transport unit is located on Dzirnavu iela between Leona Paegles iela and Strelnieku iela. Soviet jeeps, which appear to be a little larger than American jeeps, were observed on the grounds.
- f. A Soviet staff office is located at No. 13 Raina bulvars. At the entrance there is a sentry with a machine carbine who does not permit pedestrians to stop outside the building, nor are vehicles allowed to stop outside it.
- g. A signal unit is located on the corner of Skolas iela and Karla Marksa (formerly Gertrudes) iela. The entrance is on Skolas iela, where a sentry with a machine carbine is on duty.
- h. An infantry unit is located in the building of the former Latvian War Ministry, on the corner of Valdemara iela and Kirova (formerly Elizabetes) iela. The entrance is always guarded by two or three sentries with rifles and bayonets.
- i. A training and technical unit is located in the former Citadel.
- j. A military police unit is stationed on the corner of Krisjana Barona iela and Artilerijas iela. There is a military policeman armed with a machine carbine at the entrance.
- k. An auto-transport unit and a motorized field artillery unit are located in the former Latvian Army barracks on Huzaru iela.
- l. Artillery and infantry units are located in the former Latvian Army barracks on the corner of Rudolfa iela and Pernavas iela, and on Aiviekstes iela and Samarina iela.
- m. A tank unit is stationed on the former Latvian Army training ground, and tanks were observed leaving from there, apparently for maneuvers, and proceeding along the Yelgava soseja towards Yelgava. Tanks are very seldom seen on the streets of Riga, and it would appear that the Soviets avoid moving their tanks about publicly.

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